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From the Water Cure.

WATER

O, water, bright water!
The station is high;
Earth's beautiful daughter,
The bride of the sky.
The fount earth doth bless thee,
With gentle delight,
And soft clouds caress thee,
Embosomed in light.

Thy purity streams wonder
'Mid wild blooming flowers,
Or gently meander
Through grassy dells hours,
Anon wildly leaping
Adown a cascade,
Or pensively sweeping
Along the green shade.

Of thee, O pure water,
Of thee do we sing,
Wine, wine is a mocker,
It leaveth a sting.
Ye gay, and ye happy,
O fly from the thrall.
Dwell long out to rain,
Dwell ever at your fall.

Torn, thrust in the fountain
Where bath water flows,
From hill side and mountain,
Wherever ye go.
Quaff, quaff the pure nectar,
Dwell swing for thee;
Health's surest protector
It ever will be.

A Yankee Story.

(The funny columns of the English papers derive more of their "stuff for smiles" from the papers of this country than from any other source. We find in one of them this ludicrous anecdote of the "Bewitched Clock," which was quite new to us:)

About half past eleven o'clock on Sunday night, a human leg, enveloped in blue broad cloth, "might have been seen" entering Deacon Gephus Barberry's kitchen window. The leg was followed, finally, by the entire person of a live Yankee, attired in his Sunday-g-o-to-meetin' clothes. It was, in short, Joe Maywood who thus burglariously won his way into the deacon's kitchen.

"Wonder how much the old deacon made by orderin' me not to darken his doors again?" soliloquized the young gentleman. "Promised him I wouldn't, but didn't say nothin' about winders.—Winders is just as good as doors if there aint no nails to tear your trowsers onto. Wonder if Sally'll come down? The critter promised me. I'm afeard to move about here, cause I might break my shins over somethin' nuther, and wake the old folks. Cold enough to freeze a Polish bear here. Hey comes Sally."

The beauteous maid descended with a pleasant smile, a tallow candle, and a box of lucifer matches. After receiving a rapturous greeting, she made up a rousing fire in the old cooking stove and the happy couple sat down to enjoy the sweet interchange of vows and hopes. But the course of true love ran no smoother in Barberry's kitchen than it does elsewhere, and Joe, who was just making up his mind to treat himself to a kiss, was startled by the voice of the deacon, her father, shouting from his chamber door: "Sallie! what are you getting up in the middle of the night for?"

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Correspondence from the Sandwich Islands.

MAKAWAO, MAUI, SANDWICH ISLANDS, }
June 8th, 1853. }

Justin Willey Esq., My Dear Sir:—Time flies so rapidly that the Quarterly which I have promised is sometimes due ere I have a page prepared. One reason may be that I do not see your good paper of late, Aug 5th 1852, being the last Inquirer which I have seen. Since that date I have forwarded you two Quarterlies, but I have no means of knowing whether either of them reached you. Nor do I exactly remember what I wrote you, so that there is some danger that I shall use repetition, a thing that I dont like to do. Nor will you like to have me do so. Allow me to repent the request which I must have made, that you send me no more of your paper, that if I do repent the fault shall be mine and mine alone.'

Well, I see the ship of state has got under way with a pilot at the helm whom the people placed there almost by acclamation, and who judging from their enthusiasm, they think will carry the old ship through all the dangers that may lie in her course, arising from rocks, and quicksands, and treacherous currents, and the storms of heaven; make a pleasant and prosperous cruise, and bring her safely into the heaven of political safety. Or without a figure, one on hearing the shout of applause which is going up from one end of the country to the other, would be apt to think that entire confidence is felt in the wisdom and skill of your President to conduct the affairs of state with entire success—to make the United States the glory of all lands, a joy and a praise in the whole earth. God grant that it may be so, we shall see if spared how this will be.

You will not be surprised, however, to hear me say that I have great fears in regard to the skill and honesty of your new Pilot, and of course, strong fears as to the safety of the Ship of State. Much confidence was felt I believe for a long time in the whig party, and Taylor and Fillmore were thought to be the men whowouldsavethe country. What Taylor would have done can never be known. But a friend of mine,a whig in politics, lately wrote me that "the country has never been cursed with an administration more entirely subservient to the Slave holders than that of Fillmore and Daniel Webster." I do not wonder that he added, the former goes back to day to the "ranks" and to his own legitible insignificancy, and the other has gone up to a tribunal where the oppressors have no more power than the oppressed. "Yes, and need I say that neither of these men will rejoice at that tribunal to meet the shameful fugitive slave bill." But meet it they will with all its hateful features and damning fruits. Webster has already done so. In the light of eternity he knows full well the real character of that bill, how God and holy beings regard it, and doubtless how Satan and the hosts of hell regard it. And in that light too he sees clearly the character of his own agency in regard to the detestable act With God we may cheerfully leave him who will do him no injustice. To the same tribunal is hastening the man who by signing the bill, and thus making it a law, sent a pang of unutterable anguish through the hearts of thousands of thousands in your country, and ca used a shout of triumph to roll over the burning plains of hell. God long suffering and gracious is still sparing this guilty man. Let us pray that he will give him repentance for this sinful shameful act, and thus save him from the dome of the wicked.

As your new President has avowed his intention of nailing the black flag to his mast, I think we need not be disappointed in relation to his course and to the result of his pilotage. What particular course he will pursue we may not be able exactly to predict; but that he will steer for the rocks of infamy there can be no doubt, as he avows this from the first, and that he will do so, admits of no doubt. No thanks to him, none to the democracy of the United States if the country does not sink more and more deeply, and more and more rapidly till it reaches the lowest depths of shame and sin, till sin and democracy becomes a stink in the nostrils of the nations.

But there is a God in the heavens; and that He reigns is a matter of unfeigned joy. I am not certain that he will save our country from impending ruin. "Shall I not visit for these things saith the Lord, and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this," is one of the most fearful passages in all the book of God. And that He has said this in reference to our sinful country I cannot doubt. How must His holy Soul loathe a nation whose highest rulers,those gods on earth,are wicked enough to frame iniquity by law. And how must He loathe a church whose foremost ministers meanly succumb to Slave holders, and soon sneer at the higher law; Can He pardon so guilty a church, save so wicked a land? Perndventure He may, is all I dare say when I read those withering interrogatories which have fallen from His lips. Let us beseech Him to give a deep and genuine repentance to rulers and ministers, so called, of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that they shall loose every chain, do justice and love mercy, and thus turn away His anger that our country perish not in its iniquity. In God is our only hope. Vain is the help of man. To Him let us all look for deliverance. Yours, truly,

J. S. GREENE.

ROBERT RANTOUL.—The following inscription is engraved on the tomb-stone of this noble and distinguished Statesman:

"He died at his post in Congress, and his last words were a protest, in the name of Democracy, against the Fugitive Slave Law."

We learn that a volume of his speeches and writings is soon to be published, which will meet a rapid sale. A splendid lithegraph portrait has been executed.

CAN'T SPARE 'EM. Senator Hunter, a rare old hunker, hits the object for which the whig party is sought to be kept up as follows:

"I am not quite ready to spare the whigs—for my part I hope they will live to come up to the scratch many times; *for another may arise*, gentlemen, which is not so *easily beaten*."

Duchess Olga, of Wurtemburg, daughter of the Czar, is in London, where she was received with distinction.

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FOR PRESIDENT IN 1856,

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Of this city, is our authorized travelling Agent for the Inquirer.

☞ CIRCULATE THE PAPERS.

The Dumb must Speak.

The "dumb" democracy of this State will be compelled to speak. The Bangor plot to smuggle a rum governor upon the State will certainly be exploded. No denunciations of the Inquirer will protect it, and this is now apparent to the managers. The Argus, Age, Journal &c., have told the people that the Maine Law was not in issue—that the temperance question was not involved in Mr. Pilsbury's nomination, and that the subject was not even alluded to in the convention. Rarely has so gross an attempt been made to deceive the people, and they will yet understand who has been telling the truth in this important matter. How the Jeffersonian is getting along remains to be seen. By its own principles it is bound to quit the concern. The Expositor won't consent to have its cause smothered by party strategy, and is talking in this style:

"We have reached a crisis!" says the Argus, "*and this crisis must be manfully met.*"

If we had a rum candidate on the canvass for Mr. Pilsbury, the Argus has certainly *made one*," and THIS crisis "shall be manfully met, No more *dumb* Arguses, and no more *dumb* Pilsbury men, and no more *dumb* anti-Pilsbury men, we say. Let the "crisis be manfully met."

And what is this crisis? The Argus says:

"The charge is directly made, that Mr. Pilsbury is opposed to the Maine Liquor Law; but not the first declaration has been adduced to sustain the charge."

Now it is time for us to say, that the claim made at the Bangor convention, *by Mr. Pilsbury's friends*, (we CANNOT so charge him, himself, in person, AND IS WRITING, of decided and unqualified opposition on his part, to the Maine Liquor Law—not only to the first law, but to the second and third prohibitory laws, was THE MERIT, the *great* CONTROLLING *merit*, that was put forth to secure his nomination through the votes of the liberals in Convention, and the influence of their friends out of doors.

Upon this they were appealed to, not only by words, and by speeches, but also by written authority under Mr. Pilsbury's own sign manual going the whole length of the vote in confirmation of both the first and second law, and promising that if the English language could embody more emphatic expression of condemnation than *that letter* embodied, he would not know it.

Why does the Argus, the Age, and their confederate wire pullers, or rather *wool pullers*, in the democratic ranks, *now* attempt to brazen down with denunciation the Chandler men of last year, because they claim to have Mr. Pilsbury as emphatic before the people after his nomination, as he promised the delegates in Convention, before they would vote him, before his nomination was made, that he would be?

But is it not clear as the noonday sun in a cloudless sky, that no liberal man, of any party, can, consistently with his principles as he values and principles, support a candidate who is made to *eschew* before the public *the very principles* which effected his nomination, and for the advocacy and support of which he was nominated? and without a "*pledge*" of honest conviction in their favor, he never could have been nominated for Governor?

Our cause is strong, it is good enough to secure a nomination upon, but is not good enough to rest an election upon before the people!

Out upon such cheating, jesuitical politics. We never will go shoulder to shoulder for a set of principles or a cause that needs to be veiled like a harlot in the streets.

We now reiterate our earnest desire to see Mr. Pilsbury permitted by his party advisers and friends, to put himself on the same open, bold, manly and honest grounds before the people, that our Chandler friends and delegates in the Bangor Convention not only saw him, but were *invited*, nay, *urged* to see him, before that Convention.

We speak not—we have not spoken without "*book*" in this matter—nor without proof.

The Approaching Election.

The appearances of a concentrated vote this year have much improved, and nothing is necessary to make it strong but activity on the part of the friends of liberty. Local arrangements must be adopted, committees appointed, right information circulated, &c.

There MUST BE an active committee in each town. This is indispensable. In order for this such as may be seen should be invited to meet forthwith.

The men not likely to be at the polls must be seen and that made *sure*. Objections must be removed from other minds. Others disposed to vote right, but not perceiving exactly the importance of their vote, will need be shown their value this year for liberty. All these things must be done.

And when the magnitude of the cause is considered, and the bearing of a powerful vote this year on the future, no true friend of the right and of imbruted humanity can hesitate to act.

Remember our vote is to be watched by the democrats of Europe with anxious interest.—The slave power will carefully study it town by town and compare it with the past in order to infer its future. When the old walls of tyranny are crumbling before us, is that the time for stupidity? This is the hour for which we have labored long—now let us improve it like true men.

We have survived the infamous compromise measures and the relapse which they have thrown over the country. They are essentially dead, the tide is now returning and the future is cheering. Now seize the hour, and roll up a strong vote for Dr. Holmes. Liberty and bleeding Humanity demand your aid—your *immediate aid*.

The *Democrat* is regularly sent to the *Inquirer*. We want that paper to see what is going on in Pseudonimium.—*Bangor Democrat.*

No number of that paper has been received by us for a month, and the above we found in another exchange. If it is regularly sent it is time for that editorial P. M. to look after the mails. Does not the Democrat mean that it was "sent" as far as the P. O. and there fell out of the bag?

But the reason assigned for wanting the *Inquirer* shows very good sense. Business relation must make the latest authentic intelligence from distant partners highly important: And as exposure is essential to reform, we are obliged to have an eye constantly upon the operations of the whole firm.

☞ A Mass Anti-Pillsbury Democratic County Convention was held at Alfred, Aug. 23d,—Where's the 4ogo?

For the Portland Inquirer.

Democracy "Half Seas Over."

MR EDITOR:—Permit me to tell a plain unvarnished tale, to make a simple statement of facts; for I am no writer of the immaginations, no painter of the fancy.

Two days since, calling at a private house not one mile from Norway Village I was thrown unexpectedly into the company of two individuals. One, an utter stranger, I found in the kitchen, where he was amusing himself and the lookers on by his disgusting allusions to the ladies in the other part of the house, and by his low obscene language mixed with oaths and all sorts of vile talk. The other was a bed and sidegr when I entered the house, having expressed a desire to retire for an hour as was supposed for the purpose of sleeping off the effects of the last night's debauch. They had both taken dinner there, and drank deeply at the same time of the contents of a jug they brought with them.

At the end of the hour the person abed was called; and judge of my surprise when I saw reel into the room a well known lawyer of Fryburg—one whom I had marked well as the principal speaker and pleader at a Democratic County Convention held at Norway Village a few years since—for his commanding voice, his easy and moving eloquence had quickly fixed my attention. But now alas, how fallen! So changed was the man, that as he entered the room I did not recognize him. His eyes were so burnt and inflamed with rum, that he found it nearly impossible to open them. His face was bloated and red; and his miserable efforts at wit and obscene language, were disgusting in the extreme.

Producing a jug from the waggon, they swallowed about a gill each of the raw material with the greatest apparent pleasure; and for half an hour we had the satisfaction of listening to the meaningless twattle of two of the Wild Cats (with claws I guess) of "Old Oxford" while under the influence of liquor.

I pitied them, for they were God's children—members of his great family, but I pitied their wives and children more; for they must suffer for others sins—the innocent for the guilty. I did not feel like taunting them with their condition by telling them they were *drunk*; for that is a word of fearful meaning—denoting the absence of manhood, and all the finer and better feelings of the soul. If I had told them so, I should have told them the truth; but a senseless laugh or may be a hideous oath followed by a demoniac grin would have been their only reply.

Calling for their horse they made preparations to depart; but previous to leaving they found it necessary to take another hearty drink from the jug—then after being assisted into the wagon and then into the road they left us. As they left the house the remark was made to them that liquor worked quick this hot weather;—the only reply those Oxford Wild-Cats—those leaders of the Democracy—those firm supporters as I am told of Pillsbury, deigned to make was a gutteral *grunt*, as though they could not fully comprehend the question

But what surprised me most was this: On taking up a copy of that inimitable sheet, the Norway Advertiser, two hours after they left, I saw that lawyer's (?) name at the head of a Committee to call a County Convention of the good and true Democracy; and judging from the reputation Pillsbury bears at home, I should suppose this Chairman of the Oxford County Democratic Comuittee, and the nominee of the Democratic party, to be both *trumps* with those who nominated the one and support the other. Yours, &c, TRUTH.

Norway, Aug. 12.

A Word for the Slave.

Our prospects, in my mind's eye, never were brighter, or in a more healthy condition, than now. And why should they not be? Our principles are based on God's eternal truth and must stand. Newspaper editors, and political demagogues may pour out their recumbent vituperations about this little band of lovers of human freedom, and friends of the "higher law," and may preach whiggery, and locofocoism to their hearts content, but it will be of no avail. The mass of free thinkers are getting waked up, and are beginning to throw off the trammels of party, and I believe the day is not far distant when they will begin to take christian, Godlike *action*. Hard and sturdy men of Maine will you not do it now? Will you not cast such a vote for freedom at our approaching election, as shall speak in thunder tones in the ears of the oppressor, that "truth crushed to the earth shall rise again." That the last spark of humanity is not quite extinguished from the hearts of the noble sons of the pine tree State. That we have a tear of sympathy for the down-trodden slave. That we are awake, and wide awake to the principles of humanity and equity. That our hearts are boiling over with righteous indignation against Slavery, and despotism in all its forms. That we are returning to "our first love." That the principles which actuated the founders of our civil and religious liberty, have taken a deep root in our hearts, and cannot be exterminated, and that come life or death, we will act in conformity thereto, and the "higher," not the "lower" law, shall be the day star of our lives, and the guide of our actions? Let us then throw such a vote for suffering humanity as shall send a thrill of joy into the bosom of every slave in our land.

Go with me in imagination to a southern cotton field. There at the close of our last presidential election, stood a MAN—yes I said a man, though in the eye of the law no better than a brute, as he stood there erect, he raised his stalwart arm, and lifted his hat slightly upon his head, and with his hand wiped the large drops of sweat from his noble forehead, and as he did so, one could see that his countenance looked sad, and his bosom heaved with many a tumultuous throb. What was it that caused this visible emotion in the man? Ah! he was thinking of his lovely wife, and beautiful child, who might be separated from him forever, at any time, without a moments warning. And if by chance he should dare to interpose a word, that the partner of his joys and sorrows, should be spared to him, the ruthless hand of the tyrant—his master would be upon him,and scourge him into submission. As the poor slave was revolving such thoughts as these in his mind, a little ray of hope filled his breast, and a partial smile lighted up his countenance, for he had heard, that there were a people at the north, who were laboring for his freedom, and he dared to hope that ere long he should be free. Just then a gentle breeze came sweeping from the north,and brought such tidings as these, to the man. "I (said a democrat) would vote with the free democracy, if I thought they would succeed, but I do not see as there is much chance of success at present, therefore at this time I must vote for Gen. Pierce in order to defeat Gen. Scott."

"I (said a whig) would vote for John P. Hale, if I supposed he could be elected. I despise the platform of the whig party, yes I spit upon it, but for this *once* I must vote for Gen. Scott to defeat Gen. Pierce."

At this news the poor slave's bosom heaved anew, and the hot tears coursed their way down his manly face, and lifting his eyes to the God of mercy and of justice, he prayed that God would put it into the hearts of the children of men "to remember their brethren in bonds as bound with them" "to break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free," and that God would put it into their hearts to vote for the right, and let the wrong shift for itself. Now shall we ever sadden the slave's heart again, or add another link to the chain of Slavery? Let a hearty response come from the heart of every freeman, No. GEO CURTIS, Jr.

Garland, July 5th, 1853.

Letter from Dr. Holmes.

WINTHROP, August 16th, 1853.

Gentlemen of the Convention in Wayne assembled—

I would have been with you this day, were it not for sickness in my family which prevents my leaving home.

Although not able to be present with you, I cannot allow the occasion to pass without at least sending you my best wishes for the earnest and successful prosecution of the temperance cause among us. The contest is one that will require much sacrifice of time and labor—much moral courage and some physical courage—one, against which the baser passions and weaker propensities of human nature will always be arrayed—so that victory must depend not only upon a firm and unyielding moral and religious opposition to all the powers of darkness, (for rumselling and rum drinking has become literally a work of darkness) but to sleepless vigilance and untiring action in the great Temperance warfa re now going on. Maine has done nobly thus far,—but the eyes of the world are turned with an anxious gaze watching her future course. The temperate and the good, with trembling hope and fervent prayer that she may not only sustain her present position, but move on, upward and onward,—higher and higher, till drunkenness and its concomitant crimes and misery, shall no longer be known in her borders While the intemperate and the vile turn upon her eyes of malignant hatred, and strive in every way to work her downfall, and to thwart and destroy the operation of that law which more than any other has checked crime—emptied the prisons and almshouses—improved farms—built work shops—promoted industry of every useful kind, and in scattering comfort and happiness broadcast over our land

After all, I have often thought that the cause of Temperance has more to fear from the *apathy* of its friends than all the hosts of its enemies combined. Permit me then to suggest that we should all watch and be careful that in avoiding the "Scylla" of intemperance on one hand we do not suffer shipwreck on the "charybdis" of apathy on the other.

With sentiments of fraternal regard, Yours,

E. HOLMES.

HOW WE ARE REGARDED. One of the most intelligent Free Democrats in another State writes: "We are watching with intense anxiety the issue of things in your State—I agree with you that it is all important to keep the ranks of the friends of freedom unbroken."

If the towns will *organize*,—*all* of them, get out *every* freevoter, then every man make an earnest effort to add *one* more, we shall cast a solid vote of just 15,000. Think of its value and DO IT.

It would turn the tide of war in Maine, and prospectively settle the last and only remaining question—that of *success*. Settle *that* and we settle all. The Argument was settled long ago, now we must demonstrate Practicability and the work is done. Fifteen Thousand Votes in Maine will do that, and those *can* be cast next September. Be faithful.

PEOPLE'S PRESS.—This miscalled paper at Skowhegan is really one of the most driveling hunker things in our knowledge. A few years ago nothing could well exceed the anti-slavery professions of the whigs in that county. If they approve the character of that paper, as would seem probable, they must afford a sorry illustration of whig professions. Here is a specimen of that paper. Its stupidity and ignorance are only equal to its unprincipled scurrility. Our readers will see the total libel upon facts without any correction from us: Is this the "more favorable party?"

"It is a singular fact that while it is well known that the emancipation of African slaves in the West Indies, especially in the Island of Jamaica, has not only rendered the Island a desert, but has made themselves the most miserable of savages and idolaters, that clergymen, men professing the christian religion, should from their pulpits, recommend a similar course in this country. It is not emancipation itself that is complained of, but the injudicious manner in which it was done—emancipation without regard to consequences, or the future welfare of the slave. It is said that the Jamaica negroes are the most miserable beings on the face of the earth, and are fast returning to the worship of idols—beasts, trees and serpents."

☞ Our grateful acknowledgement is due to an unknown friend in Bowdoin College who signs himself "A Student." He says:—"I wish you to know that Bowdoin College has some at least who sympathize with the noble work you are laboring so hard to accomplish, and not, indeed, without encouragement. You have at least the sympathy and good wishes of thousands of your fellow countrymen."

Jefferson labored hard to make colleges the nurseries of liberty as well as of knowledge,but slavery has gone far towards banishing its true spirit from College Halls. We are glad to know that it still lingers in Bowdoin.

☞ Our Documents will soon be gone at the present rate of orders, and those who send first will be least likely to fail.

Packages have been sent for gratuitous distribution to all the Divisions of the League in proportion to money sent. They are sent by Express at the secretaries—sometimes to the care of other persons. See that they are not lost.

☞ The "State of Maine"—the new paper in this city, is out against the Maine Law, in highest eulogy of the Mirror, and against Jury Trials as a relic of barbarism. It is said to rest on the pockets of the rum interest, but of that we know nothing only that it earns their patronage.

BOLTING THE DOOR.—The following resolution was passed at a late meeting of the hunker democratic State Committee:

"*Resolved*, That in establishing a basis of representation for the next democratic State Convention, the committee will base the representation upon the vote for the regular nominated democratic candidate for Governor for the present year."

This of course will exclude all but Pillsbury voters from any concern in the party hereafter The door is bolted in advance, and all concerned should shape their course accordingly.

TOUCH FISH STORY!—The *Frontier Journal*, says:

"Mr Pillsbury is not the candidate of the Abolition Whig-Temperance party, but of the true Democracy of Maine. The Maine Law was not *made* an issue in the convention which nominated him, all outside or extraneous issues were neither introduced or thought of in the convention."

Such monstrous statements could have been made by no mortal except where the fog was too dense to see type or hear speech. We are told they stew it up and ship it.

☞ We must beg to be excused for a diminished amount of labor this week on the paper, owing to other engagements.

☞ It may guard the friends of freedom against surprise, to suggest to them to be prepared to see HENRY WILSON the next Governor of Mass Give EZEKIEL HOLMES a rousing vote this year, and his turn in Maine will not be far off.

Dr. Boynton's Lectures.

This accomplished Geological lecturer is delivering a course in this city of highly valuable lectures, aided essentially by illustrative paintings and diagrams. This is a rare opportunity for gaining knowledge at a cheap and rapid rate, which cannot be undervalued without reflecting on the truth and intelligence of the City. Go and hear by all means.

A COUPLE OF SINGULAR SUICIDES.—Last Sunday evening, two girls, one named Clara C. Cochran, a native of New Boston, aged 19,and the other named Catharine B. Cotton, of Pownal, Me., aged 22, after writing long letters to their friends, expressive of determination to commit suicide, both left a boarding house, and walked hand in hand to the bridge across the canal, both leaped in and were drowned. Disappointed love is the cause assigned.—*Man. Dem.*

Ah! But where are those who "disappointed" that "love"?—who have thus been the murderers of those girls, whose warm generous affections would have spread the path with life flowers? Where are the young men who thus trifled—perhaps designedly—not with stars and gems, but with female affection? The man who will violate an obligation of this nature,—who will repel the love which he has knowingly awakened, is a dishonored villain and ought to bear the scorn of society at every turn. No female should again trust him or even permit the faithless wretch in her presence.

Yet how often such creatures pass as men of character and honor, while the poor victims of their perfidy lie still in death. Young lady,learn self-possession, and never trifle with your own hearts. Strength and dignity are your safeguards, and would escape an undying curse, be true to female affection.

New Hampshire.

There is every indication of life and courage among the Free Democracy of that State They are going to work in serious earnestness. A new campaign paper is to be started in Nashua. The Meredith *Democrat* (hunker) gives the following cheering intelligence:

We have reason to think that the freesoilers in the region north and east of this place are preparing for a vigorous campaign to be conducted through the aid of school house lectures, pretended fugitive slaves, female preachers and the like.

NEW FREE SOIL PAPERS. "The Standard" is the title of a new free soil paper at Freeport, Illinois.

"The True Republican" is another, which has just been started at Greenfield, Highland county, Ohio.

The Williams County (Ohio) "Democrat" has left the ranks of the Compromise Democracy and taken its stand upon the Free Democratic Platform adopted at Pittsburg. Its editor, William A. Hunter, has heretofore been regarded as a democratic leader.

Kennebec County.

Agreeably to the Call the friends of Liberty and Temperance in Kennebec County met in County Convention, at the Freewill Baptist Meeting House, in Wayne Village, on the 16th inst. Convention called to order by Thomas Wilson of Wayne—and Mr. Fillebrown of Winthrop was called to the chair.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Wilson, Copeland and Bean, was appointed to nominate officers for the permanent organization of the Convention.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Parker of Wayne.

Committee on nomination of officers for the permanent organization of the Convention reported the following gentlemen:

Mr. J. B. Fillebrown, President.
Rev. Mr. Copeland, Vice President.
" John Stevens, Secretary.
" C. C Whitney, Assistant Secretary.

Rev. Mr. Hill being called for, addressed the meeting on the subject of Temperance. Mr. Hill's remarks were listened to with great interest and profit, and it seems perfectly natural to conclude that all who listened to his appeals in behalf of the suffering families of intemperance, would never *think, speak, or* vote, only in favor of Temperance and the Maine Law.—Messrs. Wilson, Walton, Copeland, Carr, Tufts, Bean, Smith, Hill and Tilton, were appointed a committee to nominate a Board of County Officers, to be supported by the Free Soil Party, at our next election, and the Convention adjourned until 1 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met on adjournment.—Prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith, Litchfield.

Committee on nomination reported the names of the following gentlemen:

FOR SENATORS.

Thomas Wilson of Wayne.
Levi Ricker of Waterville.
Cyrus Wilson of Gardiner.

For County Attorney—H. K. Baker of Hallowell.

For County Treasurer—W. R. Prescott of Hallowell.

The above report was unanimously adopted, and the above named gentlemen are presented as candidates for the office to which they are nominated, as worthy the votes of *all* the friends of Freedom and Temperance in the County.

The committee also reported the names of H. K. Baker, Esq. and W. R. Prescott, of Hallowell, Alfred Winslow of Waterville, Alfred Springer of Gardiner, and John Stevens of Wayne, as Standing Committee for the County. Report adopted.

Chose Messrs. Hill, Tufts and C. S. Whitney, Committee on Resolutions

Rev. M Parker being called for gave a very effective address on the subject of American Slavery, showing what were, and *what were not*, the constitutional compromises, &c., &c.

Rev. Mr. Randall being called for addressed the Convention

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1st. That in the holy principles of Temperance and anti-Slavery, we had with joy a moral basis for political action, where men of all creeds may stand and work out good will to man.

2d. We will vote for no man who is known to be opposed to the Maine Liquor Law.

3d. That the progress of Zion and anti Slavery affords abundant encouragement for continued effort,and that it is highly desirable that all the friends of moral reform should be united in the cause of Temperance and anti Slavery. Several pieces were well performed by the choir.

The audience was composed of men of all parties, with a good ly number of Ladies, who were generally from one party, and that on the side of right,—and the Convention adjourned to meet at the Bath Hotel on Sept next. All seemed to go forth with renewed zeal for the cause of human rights, and the redemption of our race. J. B. FILLEBROWN, President.

JOHN STEVENS, Secretary.

Hancock County Free Democratic Convention.

The Free Democrats of Hancock County met at Orland Town House, Tuesday, Aug. 16-h, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and were called to order by John Buck of Orland, Chairman of the County Committee, upon whose motion Wm. Witherlee of Castine was chosen President, and Geo. II. Witherlee of Castine, Secretary. A Committee on nominations was then appointed, consisting of Messrs. D. B. Hall of Buckport, Oliver Sargent of Orland, W. P White of Greenfield, Eliakim Hutchings of Penobscot, Mason H. Wilder of Castine, F. M. Holden of Deer Isle, Simeon Milliken of Trenton, and David Clark of Tremont. During their absence the Convention was addressed by Rev. J. H. Sawyer of Orland. A letter was read from Woolbury Davis, Esq., expressing his regret at being unable to attend, according to invitation.

The Committee on nominations then made their report, which after some modifications was accepted, as follows:—*For Senators*, Joseph Wescott of Castine, and A. Cummings Milliken of Sauville; *for County Commissioner*, Edward Haskell of Deer Isle; *for County Treasurer*, Mason II. Wilder of Castine; *for Clerk of Courts*, Phineas E Haywood of Bucksport.

Geo. H. Witherlee, Rev. J. H. Sawyer and F. M. Holden were chosen Committee on Resolutions, and then adjourned till 1½ P. M.

AFTERNOON.

Met at the appointed hour. The Committee on Resolutions made a report, which was accepted as given below. Last year's County Committee—Messrs. John Buck of Orland, D. B. Hall, Bucksport, Hiram White, Greenfield, Geo. H. Witherlee, Castine, Newton Stover, Sedgwick, F. M. Holden, Deer Isle, and William Hamor, Eden—was re-elected, and Rev. J. H. Sawyer of Orland added.

A contribution was taken up to defray the expenses of procuring votes, and of obtaining a suitable person to go into the back towns of the county, to find out Free voters there and stir them up to action.

Remarks were made by Mr. Carlton of Waldo County, also by Rev. Mr. Houston of Orland, Messrs. Buck, Milliken, Wilder, Howes and others. At 4½ P M., upon motion of Mr. Wescott adjourned sine die.

GEO. H. WITHERLEE, Secretary.

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Whereas, in the course of human events it becomes necessary and adiuty which we owe to ourselves, our country and our God, that we should put ourselves in a position in which we can do something to extend to others the blessings which we enjoy: Therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Free Democracy of Hancock County, have learned and do understand that we must stand on the broad platform of Constitutional Liberty, which is for *all, now* and *forever*.

Resolved, That the Doctrines taught in the Declaration of Independence and the Pittsburgh Platform are the Doctrines of our Political belief.

Resolved, That though Democrats may "resist" and Whigs "discountenance" us we will not shrink from the contest with the SLAVE POWER which rules the nation, but "we will fight on and fight ever, till a triumphant victory shall reward our exertions."

Resolved, That we desire no less earnestly to free the Slaves of Rum than the Slaves of Despotism, and the Maine Liquor Law as tending to hasten such a result, receives our heartfelt approbation.

Resolved, That Ezekiel Holmes, our candidate for Governor, is a thorough and consistent representative of Freedom and Temperance, and he shall receive our firm, hearty and unanimous support.

And whereas in order to accomplish any undertaking we have found it necessary to *act*, therefore

Resolved, That after we have done talking we *will act*.

Any readers of the Inquirer, who may know the name and Post Office address of any reliable Free Democrat in the towns of AUBURN, Amherst, Dedham, Waltham, OTIS, Elden, Mariaville, Eastbrook, Franklin, Sullivan, Gouldsboro, any of the Plantations, or any of the Islands (except Mt. Desert or Deer Isle,) or South of Hancock County, will confer a favor by transmitting it to Daniel B. Hall, Bucksport, or George H. Witherlee, Castine.

"THE COMMONWEALTH." After a long and severe struggle that excellent Daily is well established. Mr. Baldwin succeeds eminently in making it one of the business newspapers—the very best in Boston, aside from its able advocacy of the cause of Freedom. We are glad to see it is to be enlarged, doubtless to give room for its increasing advertising patronage. We commend it to every man in Maine who wants a good Boston Daily.

The Old Way.

The following extract from the remarks of Hon. Charles Sumner in the Constitutional Convention, will show on what ground the Free thers placed the public welfare. Peace rested on Liberty—its only possible basis. Now slavery and slave-catching is the way to "save the Union." They foresaw what we shall yet see, if the present course of policy is not changed. Hear these old Free Democrats:

"Their influence was not restrained to England. It crossed the ocean. From the first, in planning the colonists were considerate of the rights and liberties of Indigenous inhabitants, and at various times and in various forms, did they assert them—so early as 1630; Virginia in 1639 and 1676; Pennsylvania in 1682; New York in 1683; and Rhode Island, whose original charter set forth Dec stations, brief and meagre, but large indeed to those of her mother country. In the colonies of New Plymouth, the essential principle of Magna Charta were declared in 1636, under the name of their General Fundamentals; and in 1672, the inhabitants of Massachusetts Bay declared in words worthy of careful study, that "civil Combinings and Constitutions, Rights, Privileges, as Humanity, Civility, and Christianity call for, as due to every man in his place and proportion, *without impeachment and infringement, hath and ever shall be the Liberty of all the Inhabitants of this Commonwealth*, and liberty I submit, and Constitutions, and ordinances, *are the ruin of both*."

Cotton D. D. and all hunker politicians would do well to study this. They are each praising about the "good old paths," —would that they had the honesty to walk in them.

The Chandler Platform of Last Year.

The following is the declaration of principles of the Chandler Convention of last year, as given by Gen. Perry at the recent Convention in this city, "as near as he could recollect them from memory." Mr. Perry said he would not vouch for their entire verbal accuracy, but they involved the *spirit* of that platform:

Resolved, That we, the people, are opposed to ALL LAW, for the punishment of crime, that *all power* is inherent in the Rum Aug. That tipping, liquors, and drinking houses, are the chief nurseries of Democracy—and that all attempts to regulate or legislate upon them are *unconstitutional*, and a gross infringement on the morality and decency of the people of Maine.

Resolved, That murder, arson, burglary, highway robbery, bank, street fights, domestic quarrels, squalid poverty, pauperism, misery, destitution and death, are *necessary evils*, incident to the perpetuation of pure, liberal Democracy.

Resolved, That the old Democratic Platform is a narrow, illiberal contracted concern, too insignificant for liberal Democrats to stand upon —that we, the people in solemn Convention assembled, hereby kick it over, and erect upon its ruins a platform of principles too numerous to mention, but embracing all that is manly, unpseudous, dignified men—*Love of Rum and hatred of John Hubbard!!*

Resolved, That the Maine Expositor is a *great* paper, one of the wonders of the age. That we hereby adopt the same as our political *Bible* —whilst its *spirited* blue light teachings shall be to us what our pole star is to the Mormon. Sidney Rigdon is to the followers of Mahomet, or the writings of Joe Smith to the Mormons of the Valley of the Great Salt Lake."

And this as affirmed, has now become essentially the Platform of the Pilsbury party.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

☞ Crime is said to be on the increase in Cincinnati.

☞ In consequence of gross carelessness in building singing five men fell the other day while laboring on the new Baptist church in Bangor. Limbs were broken but no lives lost.

☞ The coroner's jury decided that the terrible collision on the Providence road was caused by Fred. W. Putnam, conductor; and he was held to bail in $10,000.

☞ The Montreal Sun has enlisted for the Maine Law in Canada.

☞ Two young men were drowned at Thomaston on the 12th. One purposely, the other accidentally.

☞ British vessels are reported to be interfering with American fishing vessels.

☞ The Anti-Pilsbury county Convention in Oxford was a strong affair. Nearly every town and plantation was represented. *Hon. Job Prince* of Turner and *Hiram Hubbard* of Paris were nominated for the Senate. Why don't the Argus take care of this business?

The Hungarian Baroness Von Veck has obtained £800 damages for false imprisonment at Birmingham.

Fifty-two French field officers were on board the steamer "Algaozio" to enter the Turkish service.

The cholera is on the increase in Persia, and advancing towards Tabriz. The plague had broken out in Khoristan.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22d.—A comet has been, for a few nights past, in the northwest part of the heavens, about 20 degrees above the horizon.

THE CHOLERA AT CUMBERLAND, MD.—*Baltimore Aug 22d.*—The cholera is increasing in Cumberland, but the disease has assumed a milder form; three thousand have left town.

THE YELLOW FEVER IN NATCHEZ.—*Natchez, Aug 20th.*—The Yellow Fever is prevalent in this city. Upwards of two hundred persons having died of it within two days. Many persons have left the city, and others are leaving.

THE "NATIONAL" DEMOCRATS.—The State Central Committee of the "National" Democrats in Massachusetts have issued a call for a State Convention, to be held in Boston, on the 22d of September, for the purpose of which the regular Democrats hold their Convention at Worcester.

AN INTERESTING POSTAL QUESTION SETTLED. The Post Office Department have recently decided that under the law of 1852, a subscriber residing in the county in which a paper is printed and published,is entitled to receive it through the mails free of postage from the post-office within the county, although he may reside, even though that office may be situated without the limits of the county aforesaid.—*Washington Star.*

The Voice of the Fugitive announces the arrival in Canada of fourteen slaves by the underground railroad. Two of them belonged to citizens of Newport, Ky.

EARTHQUAKE AT CUMANA, VENEZUELA.—We are informed by a gentleman just arrived from Bonaire, that a very severe earthquake was experienced at Cumana on the 15th July, at 3 o'clock P M., by which it is reported, 4,000 persons perished. At the same time a slight shock was felt at Trinidad (Port Spain,) attended, however, with no serious consequences.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19, 1853.

There is still much trouble about the Mission to France. Mr. Dix unquestionably had the promise of the place, and has not yet exonerated the President.

SLAVE ABDUCTION. Some ten days since, Paul Fegues, Esq., of Louisville, who was travelling east, and by force of circumstances, had been compelled to stop over night at Cincinnati, had a valuable servant girl stolen by the abolitionists of that burg. The girl was valued at $1,000 or $1,500, and we understand that the southern gentleman has instituted a suit against the host on which he was a passenger at the time, for the value of the slave.—*Louisville Courier.*

Suppose the girl 'stole' herself what then? Slaves brought into free States should not only be liberated, but claimants should be prosecuted for kidnapping. Try that.

LOUISVILLE, August 18.—A private despatch from New Orleans says they are unable to bury all the dead, and last week one hundred and twenty-five bodies were buried.

BOSTON, August 17, 1853.—Letters received in this city from Calcutta state that Capt. Hatch, of the ship Concordia, died there of cholera. Nine persons are sailing, and at the time the deaths had reached 700 per day.

Yellow Fever in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, August 18.—Total number of deaths for the week, 1,502—of which 1,382 deaths by yellow fever. The interments were principally taken charge of about four thousand patients, at the cost of $10 each.—Total number of deaths for the last twenty-four hours, 213, of which 187 were by yellow fever. The epidemic is on the wane. The weather is unbearable.

Triumph of the Ladies.

Some ladies who started the tavern in Fulton Street, on the 5th of July last, and who filled the cellar drain with rum, gin, and brandy, were treated up street at Norwalk, Conn., on a charge of selling liquor on the 4th August, the court room was crowded with lawyers for the occasion, and a large number of people were also placed inside of the bar, which was considered unusual. The ladies were represented to the court by the Norwalk Sons of Temperance. After an examination of several hours, the defendants were discharged, and then escorted to the "Mansion House, where they were honored with a ball, and at the expense of the ladies of Norwalk. The Norwalk Brass Band furnished music, and they were hailed as reformers, instead of being considered as rioters.—*Commonwealth.*

Fugitive Slave Case at Cincinnati.—*Cincinnati August 16.*—A fugitive slave was arrested in this city on Saturday, as the property of Henry Mills, of Kentucky. Much excitement ensued, and a large mob of colored people gathered in front of the Court House, where the fugitive was held by the Marshal. This morning the fugitive was brought before Judge McLean, who adjourned the hearing of the case until to-morrow.

The mob was ordered to be given up, and was carried off.

For the last four years he has resided near Troy, in Miami county, Ohio. And according to the testimony and admissions on all sides, he was a remarkable industrious, well-behaved, and upright man. He has several children at the place of his residence in Ohio.

Conflict between Americans and Mexicans.

NEW ORLEANS, August 17, 1853.

The Delegate has received advices from El Paso, dated to the 2d July, which report the existence of great excitement in consequence of a disturbance between a party of Americans and Mexicans at that place. It appears that an American who had recently returned from California, was seized by the Mexicans, for some alleged offense and cast into prison, in hearing of which circumstance, a party of Americans, (also Americans,) commenced an attack upon the jail for the purpose of effecting his liberation and rescue. A guard of Mexican troops, however, arrived on the scene in time to prevent the success of the American party, and upon them, easing the latter to beat a partial retreat. The fight was afterwards renewed, and the District Attorney of the county, in which El Paso was present, killed. One person was also severely wounded. What the final result of the affair would be was not known, but the Mexican forces were said to be collecting, near the American town of Paso, which was in great danger.

Mortality in New Orleans.

A telegraphic dispatch dated New Orleans, Aug. 19th, says:

The total number of deaths reported to-day was 242, of which 227 were from yellow fever, showing a large increase. The distress is very great, and the Howard Association are opening four new hospitals, and appealing for further assistance.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 20.—The total number of deaths yesterday were 242. The Washington school house has been turned into a hospital. The school will not be opened until November.

In Mobile the yellow fever is stated to be on the increase, but no report has yet been made on the subject either by the Board of Health or the newspapers.

The *Delta* of the 14th says:

"On Trinton walk, yesterday, we noticed a boy about eleven years of age, carrying on his head a coffin, which, on inquiry, we learned contained the body of his little sister, who had died of yellow fever. He was accompanied by his elder sister, a girl of some thirteen years of age. They were slowly and sadly making their way to the cemetery."

At Algiers, a small parish or village of 1600 inhabitants, situated directly opposite to New Orleans, on the other side of the river, the mortality from yellow fever is even greater than in the city itself. From the 7th to the 13th inst., the deaths were 42.

It would be difficult to obtain a relief in an *overruling* Providence, and doubt the retributive nature of this awful visitation. Perhaps that upon Sodom was in accordance with natural laws, but others not its design. The oppression, the innocent blood, the heaven-daring crimes which abound make it only strange that Justice has been restrained so long.

From Mexico.

NEW ORLEANS, August 18th.—Advices from Mexico state that the Governors of frontiers had received instructions from the government to make immediate preparations for the protection of Mexican citizens who are suffering from predatory Indians in consequence of the neglect to carry out the treaty of Guadaloupe Hidalgo.

A terrible epidemic, like the yellow fever, is ravaging the capital of Guerrero.

At Vera Cruz, 5th inst., the barque "Ardenea," Lambton from New Orleans, discharged her whole crew, with the exception of the captain, on account of the fever.

European Affairs.

It would seem that the long promised question of peace or war, must soon be made. We make the following extracts from the latest news: Sooner or later fighting will follow the present state of things.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.—The eastern difficulty is within a few days of being settled, either in peace or war. The public generally look on peace as the most likely result.

The state of affairs as less satisfactory. The present position of the question stands thus:—Until the 10th or 12th of August, the Czar's final answer to the *ultimatum* of the four powers, Austria, France, England and Prussia, cannot be known. If he accepts the *ultimatum*, his troops must be immediately withdrawn from the Principalities, and the conference of Vienna, pursuing its arrangements, will conclude a treaty to protect Turkey from future attack. If the Czar refuses the *ultimatum* of the four powers, or evades a reply, which will be considered equivalent to a refusal, the allied fleets will be ordered to the Bosphorus, and further, and active measures will be taken by France and England to maintain the authority of their ally. The question, therefore, is on the part of Russia submission to the terms of resolution for peace or war. The chance that rests solely and wholly on the personal will of Nicholas.

Until the 10th or 12th of August, therefore, we must totally disregard all rumors either favorable or unfavorable. No one but Nicholas himself can know what his intentions are. And the same time it is right to state that the conduct of the Russian Generals in the Principalities would indicate an intention to maintain permanent possession, and nothing had transpired to show that Russia intends to

The *Journal of Frankfort*, of the 30th, says that Austria intends not only to demand separation from the United States for the Smyrniote affair but insist that the Porte shall immediately procure the extradition of Kossta.

Petersburg letters say that when the Czar heard of the Kossta business, he advised Austria to manage as quietly as possible, and do anything rather than give the United States a pretence for interference with the affairs of Europe.

It was falsely announced that the Prophet's banner, the signal for a holy war, had been unfurled. Warlike preparations, however, continued on both sides, without intermission.

Syria is in a very disorganized state. The Christians were leaving Antioch and Aleppo for the coast. At Laodicea a Turkish mob had attempted to massacre the Christians there. Druses and other mountineers were arming.

GREAT BRITAIN.—In Parliament, Lord John Russell stated the government's intentions respecting Jamaica. The principal feature of the plan is, that England guarantees £5,000,000 to aid in filling offices, and appoint Sir Henry Barkley Governor.

Mr. Labouchere's motion for a committee on ocean penny postage, is postponed to the next session.

Lieutenant Maury made a highly researchable meeting of the Statistical Association, on the 5, and explained his wind and current theory — His observations were respectfully and apparently cordially received. Lord Ashburton was present.

A testimonial was presented to Mrs. Chisholm the patroness of Australian emigration.

FRANCE.—A formal question about communications between the Emperor and Pope, was taking place, but the matter was in the main tranquil on all sides.

Count Kisseleff, the Russian minister, having asked for his passports, on the publication of an anti-Russian article in the *Constitutionnel*, received for answer that the Emperor saw no expression to complain of.

Further reports of the conferences between Portuguese and the Papal Court, respecting the concordat, are said to be last known.

Charles Edmond, Jr., has left Paris for Lisbon, Italy and Greece, has arrived at Southampton.

ITALY.—The Roman police had discovered that a number of persons had collected at Rome, as well as Naples, Turin, and others, as Arcole Sally, the Treasurer. On their apartments members of these committees had fled, many belonging to the first families in the country.

Secret advices had been passed at Venice on numerous persons found in possession of arms.

The N. Y. Tribune thus sums up the latest letters in addition to other intelligence, which indicates that war is inevitable.

The sint ments in our London letters, which we publish this morning, show that there remains hardly any chance for the preservation of peace in Europe. The Russian fleet has determined to enter the Bosphorus shall either immediately evacuate the Danubian Principalities or that war shall ensue, and has even brought the British Mediterranean squadron almost to the Czar conceived in that sense. The Sultan has also demanded the same thing, declaring that though he does not desire war he is prepared for it. But there can be no doubt that the Principalities will be abandoned, and allowing the utmost time for diplomatic procrastination and formalities, we may expect in the course of a month to receive the official declaration of War.

How that war will be waged, is there its battles will be fought, what matters it will involve, how deep it will plow over the face of Europe, in countries and the foundations of thrones, and what will be its upshot, are questions at which no clear solution can now be had. But we do not think it can be long before the terrible and wide-reaching struggle, and leave more permanent marks in history than any other war of modern times.

Another letter says:

Louis Napoleon has required Austria to say distinctly whether she will take in the war, and declares that she can not be permitted to adopt the policy of "armed neutrality." The dispute between Switzerland and Austria will still keep them apart, and in case of hostilities, Switzerland will commence operations against Austria, with all the revolutionary elements of Italy and Hungary to aid her. So long, it appears, is the real position of affairs in Europe.

MAINE LIBERTY LEAGUE.
Hartford Division.

AMERICA BARTLETT, President.
HORACE BARTLETT, Secretary.
B. F. COLES,
HIRAM HINES, } Executive Committee.
BENJ. TOBIN, }
RICHARDSON, Clerk.

Money received.

The Free Democratic Convention of Lee,

was formed Aug. 6th, by choice of the following officers.

SHEPARD BEAN, President.
REN. H. GATCHELL, V President.
J. H PERKINS, Secretary.

J. H. PERKINS,
NATHAN CARVER,
JOHN BODMAN,
JAMES BRADBURY
HIRAM STAPLES } Executive Com.

Money received.

The Resolutions following were unanimously adopted.

1st. *Resolved*, That in Dr. Holmes, our candidate for Governor, we recognize a firm and consistent advocate of Freedom, Temperance and Progress.

2d, *Resolved*, That we will give him our hearty and united support at the Ballot Box in September next.

Money was raised to procure documents, and arrangements were made to hold a series of meetings in the several School Districts through the town.

Somerset Free Democratic Convention.

The Free Democrats of Somerset County are requested to meet in Mass Convention at Skowhegan, on Friday the 26th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M., to nominate Senators and County Officers, to be supported at the next September election, and to adopt measures to further the Cause generally.

Per order of the County Committee.
Aug. 12th 1853.

THE SLAVE CODE

Is for sale at this office for 75 cents each.—For 30 cents we send it to any part of the land. Every man should have it.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

STOCK LIST.

For the Week ending Aug 20, 1853.

CORRECTED FOR THE INVENTORS BY WM. H. WOOD, Stock and Exchange Broker, 72 Wall St.

Description.	*Par value.*	*Offered.*	*Asked.*
State of Maine Bonds, 1856,			103
Atlantic Bank	Stock,	100	104
Bank of Cumberland -	do	50	55
Canal Bank -	do	100	113
do do New -	do	100	102
Casco Bank -	do	100	104
Merchants' Bank -	do	100	112
Canal Bank -	do	25	75
Mechanics' & Traders' Bank -	do	50	78
Portland Bank -	do	100	97
Portland Gas Company -	do	50	100
Bangor Lake Ice Co. -	do	100	102
Portland Ice Co. -	do	100	105
Portland, S. & P. R. R. Co. -	do	100	93
do do do Bonds,		100	95
Androscoggin R. R. Co. -	do	100	35
do do Bonds,		100	36
Androscoggin Rail Road Bonds,		100	25
do do Bonds,		100	43
Ken. & Portland R. R. Stock,		50	74
do do Bonds,		100	90
York & Cumberland R. R. Stock,		50	74
do do Bonds,		100	75
Atl. & St. L. R. R. Interest Scrip,		100	100
Portland Steam Packet Co.		100	100
Portland Marine Railway Co.		200	1850
C. Elizabeth Wharf & Railway Co.		100	40
Portland Manufacturing Co.		100	40
Casco Manufacturing Co.		100	43
Androscoggin Co., new stock		33	30
Issued by the Company as $8.			

* Including all arrearages of interest.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Portland, Monday, Aug. 22, 1853.

APPLES, ℔ b.		MOLASSES, ℔ gal.	
Unevrd.	4 @ —	Trinidad, ...	24 @ 25
Cored	6 @ —	Havana & new,	29 @ 32
Sliced	6 @ —	Porto Rico,	28 @ 30
ASHES, ℔ b.		Porto Rico,	28 @ 30
Pearl, ...		MOLASSES, ℔ gal.	
Pot, ...		Cuba, refining,	30 @ 41
BEANS, ℔ bush.		Cuba, grocery,	
Pea, ...	1 66 @ 1 75	Muscovado,	37 @ 42
BITTER, ℔ lb.		Sugar-house,	37 @ 40
Farm, ...	16 @ —	Clayed,	37 @ 40
Dairy, ...	16 @ —	Clayed,	37 @ 40
Store, ...	12 @ —	NAILS, ℔ keg.	
CANDLES, ℔ lb.		Cut, ...	3 00 @ 3 25
Mould, ...	12 @ 13	Cut, ...	3 00 @ 3 25
Sperm, ...	40 @ —	Brads & bl'd,	3 50 @ 4 00
CHEESE, ℔ lb.		Clinch, ...	4 00 @ 4 50
COFFEE, ℔ lb.		OILS, ℔ gal.	
Havana, ...	9 @ —	Linseed, ...	1 00 @ 1 05
Rio, ...	9 @ —	Palm, ...	12 @ —
St. Domingo, ...	9 @ —	Sperm, ...	1 45 @ 1 50
Rio, ...	9 @ —	Whale, ...	45 @ —
Java, ...	12 @ —	PROVISIONS.	
Porto Rico, ...	10 @ —	Hams, ...	10 @ 12
Laguayra, ...	10 @ —	Chickens, ...	10 @ 12
Portland Glucose, ...		Turkeys, ...	10 @ 12
Portland Sugar, ...		Beef, ...	6 @ 8
Stamps, ...		Pork, ...	8 @ 10
Stripes, ...		Lard, ...	8 @ 10
Cash Steel, ...		Butter, ...	12 @ 15
FISH, ℔ qtl.		Cheese, ...	8 @ 10
Cod, ...		Eggs, ...	12 @ 14
Pollock, ...		Potatoes, ...	25 @ 30
Haddock, ...		SALERATUS.	
Hake, ...		Saleratus, ...	6 @ 7
Halibut, ...		Saleratus, ...	6 @ 7
Shore, ...		Pearl Saleratus, ...	7 @ 8
Mackerel, ...		Herds Grass, ...	2 50 @ 3 00
Shore, ...		Red Top, ...	1 00 @ 1 25
Mackerel, ...		Clover, ...	12 @ 14
Shore, ...		SHOT.	
Salmon, ...		Bar-lead, ...	8 @ —
HERRING, ...		Patent, ...	7 @ 7½
Corn Meal, ...		Pressed, ...	7 @ 7½
Rye Meal, ...		Pressed, ...	7 @ 7½
Rye, ...		TEA, ℔ lb.	
Corn, ...		Souchong, ...	25 @ 28
Barley, ...		Young Hyson, ...	25 @ 28
Oats, ...		Hyson, ...	25 @ 28
Shorts, ...		Gunpowder, ...	25 @ 28
Middlings, ...		Imperial, ...	25 @ 28
Fine feed, ...		Oolong, ...	25 @ 28
Cotton Seed, ...		TOBACCO, ℔ lb.	
Linseed, ...		Manufactured,	10 @ 22
Oil Meal, ...		Leaf, ...	5 @ 18
Ground Feed, ...		WOOL, ℔ lb.	
Rye & Indian, ...		Saxony, ...	60 @ —
Rye & Corn, ...		Merino, ...	50 @ —
Corn & Oats, ...		Native, ...	40 @ —
Oats & Barley, ...		Pulled, ...	40 @ —
Oats, ...		Pulled, ...	40 @ —
Barley, ...		Pulled, ...	40 @ —
Rye, ...		Pulled, ...	40 @ —
Corn, ...		Pulled, ...	40 @ —
Meal

TEMPERANCE.

From the Rutland Herald.

The Liquor-ish Elegy.

Not a shout was heard, nor a croaker's moan,
As the cask to the cruel thirst house was bored;
Not a "sugar" moistened his thirsty throat
From the whiskey its sparkled and wasted.

We buried the "critter" there, in sight
Of a goodly number of people;
By the sun's resplendent genial light,
Just in front of the Court House steeple.

No useless murmurings these were spoken,
As we took from the wagon the barrel;
But we thought of the tears and sadness broken,
And the midnight sighs and wailings.

Few and short were the jests we said,
And we thought of the paper's sorrow,
If perchance its dismal journey in our hand head,
All empty and lone, on the morrow.

We thought of rags, and squalid shreds,
And how sots and dealers would mutter;
And curses heap on our sober heads
When they smelled the fumes from the gutter.

Sadly they'll talk of the spirit that's gone,
And of wakes and capers frisky;
And jolly good times which might have been known,
O'er that demolished barrel of whiskey.

But half the liquor had gurgled out,
When the clock tolled the hour for retiring,
And we bore by a sudden impulse driven,
That the *few* were suddenly *strong*.

Slowly the barrel aside we laid,
With the whiskey all poured, or flung out;
We carved not the on ner's name on the head,
But left it alone with the bung out.

What Eliza Cook thinks of the Maine Law.

In a late number of her Journal is the following:

"But drinking is ruinous to health and morals." "Well," answers the liberty-loving man, "what's that to you? It is my health and my morals, not yours that are concerned; and why should I not have the right to do what I like with what is my own?" "Not quite" answer the Legislature of Maine; "your health and your morals do concern me. If you run yourself, and become a pauper through drunkenness, I must keep you. If by drinking you destroy your individual morals, you at the same time injuriously affect the morals of society; it is therefore my business, and the business of society, to prevent your becoming either a pauper or a dissolute, if it can be helped. We have tried moral suasion, and appealed to your individual effort, but still you insist on swallowing drink. We can go no further in this direction; then we will try other means and see if we cannot check this vice by public opinion embodied in a law to prevent the sale of the poison."

The objector still protests that this freedom—this right to select his own food and drink—is invaded; and he declares that this so-called public opinion is nothing but tyranny. "I don't care what you call it," says the men of Maine; "you shall not be allowed to sup alcohol in public houses